

# UNIVERSAL SCREENING

## BASC-3 Behavioral and Emotional Screening System (BESS)



Fall 2020, Winter 2021, & Spring 2021



**BASC**<sup>™</sup>**3**



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## 5 Things you need to know about Universal Screening in MCSD

1. The screener is for all grades (PK-12).
2. The screener includes teacher/parent surveys.
3. Teachers and students will complete the survey at school.
4. Parents/legal guardians can complete the survey at home.
5. This will NOT be used to diagnose students but to help identify resources that can improve your child's overall well-being.



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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

**Q: To what types of statements will a child be asked to respond?**

A: Sample statements from the student form include: “I am liked by others,” “I worry but I don’t know why,” and “I like the way I look.”

**Q: To what types of statements will a child’s teacher be asked to respond?**

A: Sample statements from the teacher form include: “Pays attention,” “Is easily upset,” and “Has trouble keeping up in class.”

**Q: To what types of statements will a child’s parent be asked to respond?**

A: Sample questions from the parent form include: “Disobeys,” “Is easily distracted,” and “Organizes chores and other tasks well.”

**Q: How much time will it take a child, teacher, or parent to complete the survey?**

A: The average completion time of all surveys range from 10 minutes to 15 minutes but might be longer based on the individual.

**Q: Will the results of the child’s survey be available to parents?**

A: Yes, parents will have access to results of their child’s survey. Additional consultation may also be provided by a professional at the child’s school.

**Q: How will all survey information be protected?**

A: All survey information will be stored within a data system, with the highest level of encryption.. Access to information will be limited to parents and specific instructional leaders and staff for instructional planning purposes.

**Q: How will all survey information be used by schools?**

A: The survey information will be used for the planning and implementation of social, emotional or behavioral supports to improve the wellness and academic achievement of all students. Outside resources may also be provided.

**Q: Can a parent or child opt-out of completing this survey? If so, how?**

A: Children under the age of 18 may not opt-out of the survey. However, parents may opt–out their child/children by submitting the following statement, in writing or by email, with date of request and name of parent/legal guardian . Written statements must include signature of parent/legal guardian. See the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment Notice for additional information:

*“I would like to opt-out, (name of child/children), from the completion of the BESS for the 2020-2021 school year.”*

**Q: What contact information should be used for additional questions or concerns?**

A: Contact your child’s school first. If further assistance is needed, contact [MTSS@muscogee.k12.ga.us](mailto:MTSS@muscogee.k12.ga.us).